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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1991 AT 10:30 A.M. IN ROOM H-662, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chairperson, Angie Pacheco, called this meeting to order at 11:25 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Stuart Letovsky
Tammy Powell

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Hernani Farias
Bishara Hilal
David Schwalb
Melodie Sullivan

COMMERCE

Karen Cox
Thomas Dowd
Katherine Kruse

ENGINEERING

Jarno Makkonen

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Sandra Branker, Ann-Marie Clarke (w/r), Ariel Deluy
Commerce: Michael Drolet, Jennifer Kalman
Engineering: Duen Lup Tsui
Fine Arts: George Liem

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the special meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

moved by: B. Hilal
seconded by: T. Powell

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Discussion:
The Chair said that the agenda is set and that no changes can be made to it.

H. Farias asked the Board to take a moment of silence to reflect on the present situation in the Middle East.

H. Farias invited S. Letovsky to sit at the table as Co-President of CUSA.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of Chief Returning Officer's Report

Be It Resolved That the Board of Directors accept the CRO's report.

moved by: H. Farias
seconded by: T. Powell

R. Douglas read out the names of the new directors and asked them to take a seat at the table. The following individuals are the new directors:

Arts and Science

Eleanor Brown
Charlene Nero
Jennifer Dang-Tran
Esther Vise
Caroline Audet
Nadine Wilson
Sophie Desjardins

Commerce

Robin Chabot
Esmeralda Florio
Christopher Halsted

Engineering

John Kelly

Fine Arts

Cathy Balsitis
Kellie Coppin

R. Douglas elaborated on his recommendations for upcoming elections. He said that it would be appropriate to establish a quarter system for students who would like to campaign to a greater extent. He also proposed that CUSA should take action against students who vote more than once in elections and he suggested that CUSA impose a $50.00 fine in the future.

R. Douglas said that for the upcoming General Election he is looking into renting a Jeep for a week, as a promotional event to encourage students to vote. He also said that he had asked for a $2,000.00 increase for advertising and that extra funds are needed for advertising.

H. Farias asked to know who approved the dates for the the elections. R. Douglas replied that the dates were set in November by the Judicial Board. He also said that these are the best dates for holding the elections, since the only other options are to hold them either the first week in February or the week of the spring break.

H. Farias proposed moving the dates back one more week to give students a better chance to hand in their nomination forms. He also said that this should not create a problem, since the dates have not yet been ratified by the Board. R. Douglas said that if the dates are pushed back a week there will be a conflict, since CASA will be holding their elections around that time frame. He also said that individuals who were interested in getting involved with CUSA should have already submitted their nomination forms and that moving the dates back a week will interfere with midterms.

K. Cox said that some directors and students were not informed of the dates and that it would be wise to extend the nomination period and reduce the campaign period. R. Douglas

said that it has been conventional that the campaigning period be for a period of two weeks and that the process should be as simple as possible.

(Time: 11:50 p.m.)
B. Hilal left.

K. Schacter, a Judicial Board member, said that the dates were well thought out by R. Douglas. He also said that CUSA has succeeded in getting the media's attention and that there should be a good turnout for these elections.

C. Nero said that the Link issue came out at Loyola two days after the nomination period had already commenced and posed a disadvantage to students out at Loyola who were not informed. R. Douglas responded that so far, CUSA has succeeded in obtaining 17 nomination forms. C. Nero said that as it stands, the new directors do not have time to hand in their nomination forms, since the deadline is in 5 minutes.

K. Cox proposed that for the best interest of the students, the nomination period should be extended to Wednesday, February 23 and the campaign period could be reduced by a few days.

Amendment:

Be It Further Resolved That the CUSA Annual General Elections Be Held on February 5, 6, and 7.

Be It Further Resolved That the Nomination Period Run Until January 25, 1991 Until 12:00 p.m. and that the Campaign Period Run From January 26-February 4, 1991.

moved by: H. Farias
seconded by: J. Makkonen

S. Letovsky said that the problem with these dates is that there won't be enough time to let students out at the Loyola Campus know of these changes. K. Cox proposed that CUSA should put up posters. T. Taylor proposed setting up the Blue Booth to encourage students to get involved. D. Schwalb said that it is often difficult to persuade students when there is a general sense of apathy.

K. Cox said that people need time to campaign and that extending the nomination period until January 23 is adequate. R. Douglas said that last year he did everything in his power to encourage students to vote, but that his efforts were disappointing. C. Nero said that it is the inefficiencies of this Board that has created apathy. She also asked to

know why S. Letovsky was re-introduced as Co-President. H. Farias said that this decision was made by a number of directors.

H. Farias proposed that a straw vote be taken to determine the extension of the nomination period. The date chosen was January 25, 1991.

VOTE ON MOTION 14/0/2 CARRIED

5.2 Declaratory Judgement

H. Farias proposed that since the ex-Chair was in posession of the motion, that the Board proceed for the time being to item 5.3 of the agenda.

5.3 Freezing Of All Cheques To Stuart Letovsky

Be It Resolved That All Cheques Going To S. Letovsky Be Frozen.

moved by: H. Farias
seconded by: J. Makkonen

H. Farias said that the reason this motion has been brought forth is because T. Powell had guaranteed the Board that she would not issue cheques to S. Letovsky. T. Powell replied that no such guarantee was made by her. She also said that S. Letovsky being Co-President should receive his honorarium for work that he has been performing.

D. Schwalb said that T. Powell did not tell the Board that she would freeze his cheques, rather that this decision was reached unilaterally. He also said that he checked with B. Jones and that according to him, it was just recently that T. Powell reversed her decision.

T. Powell said that there were no written stipulations for sidelines. She also said that in December, the Steering Committee did not give her any feedback regarding this issue.

C. Nero asked that it be put on public record why S. Letovsky's cheques ware being frozen. H. Farias said that there are 12 people who recognize the decision and that S. Letovsky's cheques being frozen was due to his removal from office.

C. Nero asked to know whether the Board will stand by their decision of impeachment. H. Farias said that today's invitation to S. Letovsky is a last attempt to resolve these

problems internally and to correct the past mistakes.

E. Brown said that she cannot make a decision unless all the information is known and the facts are out.

K. Cox said that in the motion for the impeachment, there was a section stipulating that cheques would be frozen and that this still stands and remains. She also said that the office of the Co-Presidents should abide by it.

S. Letovsky said that the reason that he has been receiving cheques is that he has been doing work for CUSA. He also said that if ever the Board had reason for their decision reached on November 16, 1990, a contract has been signed by himself and B. Jones, wherby money will be repaid to CUSA.

D. Schwalb said that any motion passed bythis Board is legal insofar as CUSA is concerned. S. Letovsky said that Judicial Board made a ruling on this issue.

The Chair reads the Press Release of November 16, 1990.

K. Cox said that the office of the Co-Presidents should continue abiding by this press release. S. Letovsky said that Judicial Board overturned this decision. K. Cox said that the Board did not recognize Judicial Board's decision.

C. Nero asked to know the reasons why S. Letovsky's cheques are frozen. H. Farias said that S. Letovsky is simply sitting at this meeting in his capacity as a director.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

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Angie Pacheco, Chairperson

H. Danakas

Helen Danakas, Secretary